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Restaurant business cooking in Morgan Hill



DESTINATION DINING: Dan McCranie, owner of Ladera Grill, opened his upscale eatery in Morgan Hill last May.

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BY DAVID GOLL

MORGAN HILL – This South County city is setting the table for downtown prosperity with a restaurant boom.

Nine new or relocated businesses, ranging from outdoor sports bars to white tablecloth restaurants, have debuted in Morgan Hill's small central business district over the past year. The openings of two of the most upscale eateries — Ladera Grill on May 27 and Odeum on July 1 — are not only attracting locals, but making downtown a culinary destination throughout Silicon Valley.

Restaurants now comprise 30 of downtown's 120 businesses, and this segment's success is helping push downtown occupancy to about 80 percent, according to Eric Wallace, president of the board of directors of the Morgan Hill Downtown Association.

Other new arrivals in the past year include the Simmering Pho Cafe on W. Main Avenue; A-Jay's, a cheesesteak eatery just off Monterey Street; and Toto Trattoria, Bubbles Wine Bar and Champs Family Bar & Grill, all along the main drag of Monterey Street.

"I'm impressed with the caliber of our new restaurants," said Wallace, a 33-year Morgan Hill resident. "Downtown vacancies are filling up and restaurants are helping accomplish that."

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Creditors line up after Solyndra bankruptcy

BY DIANA SAMUELS

FREMONT - With more than \$1.5 billion in federal and private investment, a lot of people had a stake in Solyndra LLC's success.

Now that the Fremont-based solar company is filing for Chapter 11 protection, local bankruptcy experts say it's still too early to know who will be able to recoup some of their money. Regardless, the impact will be felt both internationally and here in Silicon Valley.

The first documents Solyndra filed in bankruptcy court

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Solar lawsuit chances dim

BY ELI SEGALL

FREMONT – Solyndra LLC's abrupt closure has prompted some former employees to sue the company, alleging they and hundreds of co-workers were not given legally required advanced notice of the shutdown.

But they may not have a case.

The Fremont-based solar panel maker, which closed operations on Aug. 31 and terminated roughly 1,100 employees, could seek an exemption to a law that could have forced it to give 60 days notice to workers it planned to terminate, according to Silicon Valley employment lawyers.

The lawsuits, meanwhile, are seeking class-action status for hundreds of terminated employees — as well as 60 days worth of

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WARN Act exceptions

How can a company be exempt from the federal WARN Act and its California counterpart, the Cal-WARN Act? Sampling below:

- Headquarters hit by a bomb
- Company office destroyed by tornado
- Terminated employees were seasonal
- Employees worked on a motion picture

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Private contributions

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